

To J. B. Estlin

Weymouth. Feb 3. 1850

Dear Sir

The notes enclosed
in Mrs. Mitchell's letter I had
much pleasure in transmitting.
I wish Dr. Howe concerned himself
a little more in the A. S. cause.
He is a very excellent man
but like many others of the
free soil party surrounded by
unfavorable social influences
of the injurious ^{character} influence of
which he is himself unaware.
I do not know him personally
but as the author of some
articles in the Mass Review he
has adopted sentiments in regard
to domestic service for his
country & sweeping for my
endorsement, & is therefore a

H. C. W.'s letter, the Sabbath &
what not, be proved & come &
forgot one, without venturing
a word except to beg those
people who would read the
Liberator to take the Standard.
In its defence, as pure Anti Slavery
like the knights of old, I challenge
all comers, but I was terribly
alarmed by a note from Miss
Jennings of Cork to the effect
that she feared some people
might drop their papers because
of extracts therein from the
Memories of South." I hastened to
assure her that poor Goy must
have published it as literary
intelligence & not as news, &
can only hope that the fears
of the Corkites will be allayed.
The truth is Garrison will try
his way & it is impossible to stop
a man who falls back on his
conscientious conventions, who says

He regards ^{the promulgation of} this as that as a
matter of immense importance.
He is to good, pure & disinterested
that I cannot never doubt for
a moment the sincerity of his
belief in any mission to
which he ^{thought} he was called, but in
respects some pretended discovery,
his credulity is assumed by very
remarkable. It is very well
to say "poeta non fit" true
when it comes to a physician,
I demand.

You must not think
my dear Sir, from all this, that
my regard & respect for Mr Gar-
rison is not of the very highest
kind, that I do not think him
one of the greatest men that this
age has produced. I only wished
to explain my own feelings. My
religious opinions entirely disagree
with Mr G's & I have very
little sympathy with ~~the~~
many of his theories. But I

in New England, I have feared
that they might judge us
by writing in this spirit to
their friends in England &
putting opinion entirely ungrounded
into circulation. There never
was a time when foreign
contributions were more desirable.
I have never met these ladies
but I do not think that ul-
timately their advice and
labours will be beneficial
to Mr Douglass. Their zeal is
so eminently of the kind
that is not according to knowl-
edge that they fall into many
mistakes & their course tends
rather to his injuring than
profit. I write thus somewhat
cautiously, as I wish all
parties to learn from their own
experience, rather than from
advice or censure, which evidently
they cannot receive at present.